

By-Laws

Amended by 2007
Feb. 24

adopted July 19, 1899.

Article I.

- Name. 1. The name of the Society shall be The First Unitarian Society of Thompsonfield.
- Object. 2. The object shall be to provide for public religious worship and instruction, and for such charitable and benevolent activities as belong to a religious Society.

Article II.

1. The members of this Society shall until January 1st, 1899, consist of those who shall have signed these By-Laws.
- After January 1st, 1899, the annual contribution to the support of this Society, according to the usage and custom thereof, of a sum not less than two dollars, for which the Treasurer has furnished a receipt, by persons of either sex and full age, who shall have been in stated attendance on religious worship in said Society at least six months, and whose names shall have been registered in a book kept by the Secretary for that purpose shall entitle such persons to vote at the meetings of this Society.
- Sec. 2. Any person whose contribution, subscription, or pew rent shall be twelve months in arrears, and who shall neglect to discharge the same within fourteen days after receiving notice from the Treasurer, shall be

Loss

of
membership

considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and shall not be entitled to vote.

Withdrawal.

Any person wishing to withdraw from the Society can do so by paying his dues and sending in his resignation to the Secretary.

Sec. 3. If any member of the Society intends that his or her annual contribution or pew rent, in excess of two dollars, shall be allowed in payment of the annual contribution of any other member or members of his or her family, a written notice of such intention, signed and dated, must be filed with the permanent records of the Treasurer.

Membership
of
families.

No creed.

Sec. 4. No subscription to any creed shall be required of any member of this Society.

Article III.

Board of
seven
Trustees.

Sec. 1. The executive power of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of seven members of the Society, all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at this and at each annual meeting.

Trustees
shall
have
the
power
of
Trustees.

Sec. 2. The powers of the Trustees shall extend to whatever may be necessary or expedient for the accommodation of the Society or Congregation at their meetings for worship or business, and generally to the promotion of the views and interests of the Society, provided that they shall make no contract involving an expenditure exceeding one thousand dollars without authorization of an

By Laws.

Limitations
of power
of Trustees

Fiscal
year.

Officers
of
Board.

Clerk to be
Secretary
of Society
Seal.

Annual
Reports
of the
Board.

Pulpit
supplies

Records.

By the Society at a legal meeting thereon.
Sec. 3. No real estate shall be purchased by the Trustees, no real estate shall be purchased or sold, or building erected or mortgage executed by them until the same shall have been authorized by the Society.

Sec. 4. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the first day of January in each year.

Sec. 5. The Trustees shall organize at their first meeting in each fiscal year by the election of a President, Treasurer, and Collector; and may require from the Treasurer such security as they shall deem proper. They shall also select a Clerk who shall also be the Secretary of the Society, and to him shall be committed the custody of the corporate seal adopted by them.

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees shall furnish the President of the Society, prior to each annual meeting, with a correct list of the members of the Society, entitled to vote according to law, and shall also render in writing a full report on the condition of the Society, together with such recommendations as may be deemed for the best interests of the Society.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees in case of the absence of the Pastor, or of any vacancy in that office, to see that the pulpit is properly supplied.

Sec. 8. The Secretary shall keep a record of the doings of the Society, and shall note against the names of members the date when they become qualified

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List of
members.

Collector.

Treasurer.

Annual
Meeting.

President
of
Society.

Notice
of
meetings.

paid voters in the Society and also the time when they cease to be members by death or withdrawal.

Sec. 9. The Collector shall collect all sums due the Society, and pay the same promptly into the treasury.

Sec. 10. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Society, and shall pay bills only with the approval of at least two of the Trustees.

Article IV. (Amended Jan., 1892)

Sec. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society on the second Monday in January in each year, for the purpose of hearing reports, for electing Trustees, for the appointment of Standing Committees, and for the transaction of any other business that may be properly brought before it. At such meetings all questions shall be decided by the majority vote of the members present.

Sec. 2. At this meeting, and at all annual meetings, the Society shall elect one of its members as its President, to serve until the next annual meeting, and to preside at all meetings of the Society.

Sec. 3. Notice of the annual meeting, or of a meeting to select a Pastor, shall be made by the posting of a ~~written notice~~ ^{written notice} under the hands of the Trustees, in some public place connected with the place of worship, and said ~~written notice~~ ^{written notice} shall specify the purpose of the meeting and the subjects to be brought before it. Notice of other meetings of the Society shall be given by the President thereof.

Special
meetings

or as the Board of Trustees shall direct.
Special meetings of the Society, for a stated purpose, at which no other business shall be considered, may be called at any time by the President of the Society, or of the Board of Trustees, and shall be called by either of them at the request in writing of ten members of the Society, which request shall state the object of the meeting.

Article V.

Election
of
PastorRegistry
of baptisms
etc.

Sec. 1. Two thirds of the votes cast at any meeting duly called for the purpose, shall be necessary to constitute a choice in the election of a Pastor.
Sec. 2. The Pastor shall keep a register of the baptisms, marriages and deaths that may occur in the Society or congregation.

Article VI.

Standing
Committee

The Society at its annual meeting and year shall appoint such standing committees for the ensuing year as may be deemed necessary to promote its various interests.

Article VII.

Vacancies
in Board

Vacancies that may occur in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the remaining Trustees.

Changes
in By Laws
now madeMembers
of
Society.
July 10, 1889.July 17, 1889.
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Article VIII.

These By Laws may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting at which notice of the proposed change has been given in the call.
Immediately after the adoption of the above By Laws the following persons attached their signatures thereto:

- ✓ Jos. Hale
- ✓ David W. Pond
- ✓ Mary B. Browne
- ✓ Mrs. David W. Pond
- ✓ W. F. Adams
- ✓ G. F. Pierce
- ✓ Geo. J. Patten
- ✓ Jos. P. Cogood
- ✓ E. L. Reynolds
- ✓ R. C. Leonard
- ✓ L. W. Apple
- ✓ H. B. Wells
- ✓ Mrs. Anna K. Boardman
- ✓ Phil. K. Boardman
- ✓ Mrs. W. F. Adams
- ✓ L. E. Cogood
- ✓ E. K. Leonard

- ✓ Jacob, Abbot
- ✓ S. L. Hackett

Members of the Society, Jan. 1, 1870.

being a list of those who have paid at least ten dollars each for the support of the Society for the year ending Dec. 31, 1869.

Mr. F. Adams.	18 Duane St.
Mr. H. F. Adams.	" "
Miss Mary Agnew.	15 Third Place
Miss Caroline A. Barber.	57 East 6th St.
F. F. Beale	10 Crescent Ave.
Mr. Boardman.	" "
Miss M. B. Browne.	106 Broadway.
James F. Buckle.	151 Grove St.
E. W. Cushman	7 First Place.
Wm. H. Chace	42 Nassau St.
Chas. W. Fisher	102 East Front St.
Belton Fisher	51 Kensington Ave.
Mrs. Nelson Fisher	" "
William E. Floorer	13 East Front St.
A. D. C. Hedges.	7 Franklin Place
Mr. A. D. C. Hedges	" "
Samuel Huntington	12 " "
J. R. Krom	71 Madison Ave.
Mrs. S. R. Krom	" "
Mrs. Ruth C. Leonard	1 East 9th St.
Miss Edith C. Leonard	" "
Mr. E. C. Leonard	103 West Front St.
Mrs. William G. Leonard	" "
George Lissigvols	24 1/2 East Front St.
John Malt	18 Crescent Ave.
H. B. Nichols.	57 East 6th St.
Mr. W. B. Nichols	" "
C. M. O'Keefe	184 Broadway.
Joseph O'Keefe	36 Duane St.
Mrs. Joseph O'Keefe	" "
E. V. Paige	4 Second Ave.
Mrs. E. V. Paige	" "
Geo. D. Patten	27 La Grange Ave.

Members
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Jan. 1, 1870.

David M. Pond	
Mrs. David M. Pond	24 West 7th St.
David S. Pond	" "
Mr. Soutter Pond	" "
Mrs. R. F. Shain	30 Carlton Ave.
Miss Annie C. Shain	" "
Henry A. Wells.	80 Washington Ave.
Mrs. Henry A. Wells.	" "
Miss Mary B. Wells	" "
Philip B. Wells	" "
L. B. Woolston	29 North Ave.

Members
of
Society
Jan. 1, 1870.

Copy of Certificate of Incorporation

WE DO HEREBY CERTIFY that a Religious Society, meeting and worshipping in Plainfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, did on the 30th day of June, 1880, at stated place of worship, give notice that a meeting of said Society would be held on July 10th 1880, for the purpose of electing Trustees according to the Laws of New Jersey; and to certify that such notice was set up for ten days in open view at or near such place of meeting; and to certify that the said Society, when assembled on July 10, did by plurality of votes the members of said Society or congregation who regularly contributed to its support, male or female over twenty-one years of age, do then present, elect as those names are hereto appended as their chosen Trustees.

We certify that, for the purpose of constituting ourselves a body politic and corporate in law, under the laws of New Jersey, we have taken the name and do hereby incorporate ourselves under the title of
THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we whose names are hereto appended have this thirtieth day of June, 1880, set our hands and seals.

Signed by

Mr. J. H. Hale,
Mr. James D. Wain,
Mr. John W. Bush,
Mrs. A. C. Loomis,
Mr. F. W. Loomis,
Mr. E. H. Stevens,
Mr. Geo. H. Foster,

Jos. Hale
Mrs. James D. Wain
John W. Bush
A. C. Loomis
F. W. Loomis
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Filing of Certificate.

UNION COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Attest, M. J. August 1880

The Articles of Incorporation of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, N. J. has been duly received and filed in this office this 26th day of August A. D. 1880 and the fee of one Dollar paid.

James D. Wain
Jno. D. Wain

Subscription Card.

Until the 1st of January next, I will contribute weekly to the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, the sum of _____

Name _____
Address _____
Date _____

Circular, authorized July 1880



PLAINFIELD meetings held in our city during the past three months have resulted in the organization of the FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF PLAINFIELD.

The meetings for Sunday will be resumed on September 15th. To meet the probable want of the members, the Trustees have adopted the simple plan of weekly contributions.

If the name of Liberal Christian can assist you among its friends, please to fill up the blank in the enclosed card and send it to the Trustees, who shall have the name of the giver, at each place to be entered on the account on the Trustees' books to be sent out by the members. A package of such envelopes will then be furnished for weekly use, in deposit weekly and maintaining your contribution and that of the previous Sunday (if absent), to the contributions.

The funds, being partly received and expended as they are, by giving names to the Trustees.

With confidence we trust that the members of your Society, in the spirit of the highest benevolence, will sustain the Trustees.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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